GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3252
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AIR LINKS OF NATIONAL CAPITAL WITH STATES CAPITALS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of State Capitals not connected by air so far with the National Capital; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to connect them by air?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a): The following State capitals have not yet been airlinked with Delhi:

(i) Kohima
(ii) Itanagar
(iii) Shillong
(iv) Gangtok

(b) Kohima, Gangtok and Itanagar do not have airfields since the concerned State Governments have not been able to suitable sites for construction of the airports due to hilly terrain.

No airline has so far proposed to operate air services to Shillong. Airline Operators are, however, free to operate on any sector subject to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines and commercial viability.